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1. SUMMARY: MEETINGS OF CONTACT GROUP JULY 29 LEFT
THINGS LARGELY WHERE THEY WERE JULY 29. GROUP
RESUMES JULY 30. END SUMMARY.

2. ON PREAMBULAR PARA 5, USSR MAINTAINED THAT
"AND WITH FULL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES"
IS INADEQUATE REFLECTION OF ITS DEMAND THAT
INTERFERENCE BY MNC'S IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
STATES BE PROHIBITED. US DEL MADE CLEAR IT
WOULD NOT ACCEPT A DISTORTING AMENDMENT OF THIS
SUBSTANCE. IMPASSE ON REFERENCE TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER IN THIS PARA REMAINS. US DEL HAS
INDICATED TO INDIAN DEL IT COULD ACCEPT, "HAVING
REGARD TO THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND THE
NEED TO ENSURE", ETC., OR "BEARING IN MIND", ETC.

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3. WE HAVE FURTHER INDICATED TO INDIAN DEL THAT, IF G-77 COULD ACCEPT FOREGOING, AND DELETION OF THE REFERENCES TO THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION IN PREAMBULAR PARA 7 AND APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT OF OPERATIVE PARA 2, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT REFERENCE TO RESUMED ECOSOC SESSION IN PARAS 9 AND 10. G-77 IS REFLECTING ON THIS OFFER.

4. POCOCK (AUSTRALIA) PROPOSED TO RECAST OPERATIVE PARA 2 TO READ: "DECIDES TO KEEP THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS UNDER CLOSE CONSIDERATION ON A CONTINUING BASIS". G-77 HAS SO FAR REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL.

5. OPERATIVE PARA 6 AGREED TO READ: "DECIDES TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PENDING FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS ON THE MODALITIES OF OPERATIONS OF THE CENTRE, TO SET UP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 101 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, A NUCLEUS OF THE CENTRE IN THE LIGHT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT (E/5500) AND THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS (E/5500 AND ADD.1 (PARTS I AND II)) AND BEARING IN MIND ALSO THAT SUCH A CENTRE SHOULD BE FINANCED THROUGH THE REGULAR UNITED NATIONS BUDGET WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES."

6 OPERATIVE PARA 8 AGREED TO READ: "DECIDES ALSO THAT THE SPECIAL INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND PRIORITIES FOR A PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AS WELL AS FOR PERMANENT MACHINERY NEEDED TO DEVELOP SUCH A PROGRAMME OF WORK, INCLUDING FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS ON THE MODALITIES OF OPERATIONS OF THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SEVERAL ON-GOING ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SUBJECT OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS."

7. WHILE CANADA AND AUSTRALIA HAVE ACCEPTED OPERATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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PARAS 9 AND 10 AS IS, UK, FRG, SPAIN, JAPAN AND USG HAVE CONTINUED TO RESIST ACCEPTING AN UNQUALIFIED REFERENCE TO RESUMED 57TH SESSION TAKING A FINAL DECISION ON PERMANENT MNC MACHINERY. US DEL HAS ENCOURAGED THIS STAND TO GIVE US SOMETHING TO TRADE FOR OUR VIEWS ON MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES. ABRAMS

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